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FEDERAL PRISON INMATE SENTENCED FOR ESCAPE

Edward E. McNally, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced that **DARREN DONTA REED**, age 35, was sentenced on March 15 in United States District Court in Benton to a term of 46 months imprisonment for escaping from the Federal Prison Camp at Marion, Illinois, on June 12, 2005. **REED** pled guilty to the offense on December 8, 2005.

The 46-month sentence represented the maximum under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines and was imposed, in part, because of **REED**'s conduct of obstructing justice by instructing another individual to lie to investigators and for making false accusations regarding a Bureau of Prisons employee. The sentence was also imposed consecutively to the 90 month sentence for possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine **REED** was serving at the time of the escape.

The investigation was conducted by the United States Marshal's Service and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James M. Cutchin.